

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention relates to a computer system, in particular to a computer system having a plurality of components which can be initialised. There is provided a computer system having a plurality of components that can be initialised, wherein each component is configured to produce status data from which the level of need for that component to be initialised can be inferred. At least one component is configured to: receive status data from other components; make a comparison using the status data received from respective components; in dependence on the comparison, select one or more components for initialisation; and, issue initialisation instructions to the selected component(s). By making a comparison between the status data from different components, the relative need for different components to be initialised can be evaluated, allowing a component with a high need for initialisation to be selected over a component with a lower need.